



"The Shopping Center"

Miller & Rhoads

Final Reductions on
Women's Sorosis
ShoesEvery Woman's High Shoe in stock
MUST GO—in an end-of-the-month clear-
ance that's both quick and positive.

To bring this about, and as a fitting tribute to the biggest February Shoe business in our history, every High Shoe will be offered for sale at approximately the BARE COST OF MATERIAL!

Remember, only the world-famed "SORO-
SUS" Shoes (name on every pair) are offered; and Sorosis Shoes are popular with smart dressers, both in America and abroad!

It's something unique to be able to attend a sale at which one cannot buy shoes of unknown make or worth.

These Reductions, Therefore
Are Important

\$4.00 Sorosis Shoes now	\$3.29 pair
\$5.00 Sorosis Shoes now	\$3.85 pair
\$6.00 Sorosis Shoes now	\$4.85 pair
\$7.00 Sorosis Shoes now	\$5.85 pair
\$8.00 Sorosis Shoes now	\$6.85 pair

Prominent in this sale are Women's and Misses' Shoes in the fashionable midnight blue and bronze leathers; also black vici, patent colt, gun metal, mat kid, etc., in both leather and cloth tops— with Cuban, Louis, military or low heels! So you see the sale includes all the season's popular feathers as well as the MOST WANTED STYLES!

Stocks, especially among the fancy or novelty leathers, are somewhat broken now, but all sizes are in stock in one or another of the lots. Mail orders for these shoes will be filled promptly, as long as any of the lots and sizes last.

Second Floor.

SCOTTISH RITE MASON
RE-ELECT RICHARDSON

Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Alabama, Mrs. E. L. Elberton, on April 15, 1915, for attack on Author.

At the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Lodge of Richmond in Masonic Temple last night, James A. Elberton was re-elected master of Scottish Lodge No. 5 and Lindsay B. Siegelton re-elected master of the Lodge of DeMolay Consistory No. 1.

The reports of the trustees showed the bodies to have made large gains both in membership and resources during the past year. A letter was read from the grand commander of the Supreme Council, George Fleming Moore, Washington, D. C., accepting an invitation to make an official visit to the body here on March 7.

The officers of DeMolay Lodge No. 1 are: James A. Elberton, master; W. Norvell Woodward, senior warden; A. Herbert Flommons, junior warden; Rev. James Y. Fair, D. D., master; Robert S. Crump, almoner; James G. Craft, secretary; James J. Sutton, treasurer; J. G. Hanks, master of ceremonies; S. W. Morris, expert; M. M. A. Sykes, assistant expert; Dan P. Sigourney, captain of hosts; C. B. Fitzwilliam, their; A. W. Baker, sward; Trustees, Frank T. Sutton, Leon Wallerstein and Robert S. Crump.

The officers of DeMolay Consistory No. 1 are: E. B. Steigert, master; Dr. Clifford R. Rund, prior; Alvin B. Butzler, procurator; M. M. A. Sykes, chamberlain; Rev. James A. Elberton, D. D., orator; Robert S. Crump, almoner; W. Fletcher Biederman, Jr., private Horace Chapman, postmaster; George E. Roberts, expert; Robert T. Blak, assistant expert; Dr. C. Wingfield, captain of the guard; and Charles R. Fitzgerald, sentinel.

G. A. Beauchamp, thirty-third degree, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, who is spending a few days in the city, was an unexpected visitor and entertained the members in an instructive talk at the close of the elections.

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Cadets Begin Target Practice.

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STATE BOARD STILL
WRANGLES OVER BOOKSReply Is Made to Minority Report
as to Reasons for Recent
Adoption.

SAYS PRICES WERE NOT RAISED

No Discrimination Against Rich-
mond in Rejecting Johnson Offer,
Says Report, as Other Publishers
Have Their Printing Done Here.

Instead of having finished its report in answer to Senate resolution No. 19, which asked for a report on the recent text-book adoption, the State Board of Education is still in the midst of its report. Some weeks ago a report was made up, after three days of almost ceaseless meetings, and again on yesterday two sessions were held. Another is scheduled for this afternoon at 1 o'clock, when the minority will reply to the reply of the majority, which is itself a reply to the first reply offered by the minority.

The minority offered an exhaustive reply on yesterday and it was adopted upon the motion of Maurice Hart, who voted an amendment offered by Attorney-General Pollard, which provides that all other members may also file their answers to this reply of the minority, and that the whole go before the Senate. The meeting was adjourned to the office of the Governor at 1 o'clock.

The report as offered by members of the majority, is signed only by Mr. Hart and Colonel Ford. Dr. Wilson was not present nor was Dr. Page and Mr. West did not believe that any further reports ought to go to the Senate, unless asked for.

HART PREPARES

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report, which goes into details, is summarized by Mr. Hart, author for the most part, of the reply. The summary follows, as well as a number of interesting extracts bearing directly upon the points at issue between the minority and majority elements of the board.

"To the Senate of Virginia:

"We take the liberty of submitting the following summary of our reply to the report of the minority of the State Board of Education on the recent book adoption."

"Changes.—That efficiency and economy demanded certain changes in books was apparent to the members of the board, and final action was practically unanimous till the English and three or four texts involved in the Johnson proposal was reached.

"The English texts, proposed by two of the minority, were entirely new books, never before tried in Virginia. We were convinced that they were inferior to one of the series already in use, which had been adopted for State-wide use, and thus rendered superior books and avoided a wholesale change.

"The same texts included in the Johnson offer, on which the board could agree were now or revised books. To have adopted them would have meant a change as real as was effected.

DIFFERENCE WAS

VALUE OF POSTAGE STAMP

The Johnson proposition—by giving the estimate which we do not accept, the savings figured in the Johnson offer is \$70,000 for seven years, or \$10,000 per year. This is a saving of two cents per child or the value of a postage stamp.

"But we do not accept this estimate, it is merely a comparison of the Johnson offer and their bid. In the difference between what they are willing to charge for the next seven years, and what they have actually charged for the past seven years. The saving is not estimated on a comparative basis with other publishers.

"We emphatically assert that similar, and in most cases, superior books were offered by competing houses at bids lower than the Johnson offer.

"We, therefore, rejected the Johnson proposition.

"First, in the interest of the citizens of the Commonwealth—to give them better books.

"Secondly, in the interest of the teachers—so far as the collector's office is concerned, the collector's office is still a large percentage of those liable who have not yet filed the necessary returns.

The fine for a late return is from \$10 to \$100 for individuals, and from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for corporations. Under the law the collector cannot remit the fine. There are more than 10,000 corporations and individuals in the state liable for the tax. The amount paid in last year amounted to \$100,000, and this year at least \$500,000 is expected.

WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

Many Answers Made to Queries Dropped
in the Question Box.

We emphatically deny that by any vote we have levied an extra tax on the people of Virginia. On the contrary we assert that we will save the school patrons not less than \$60,000 for the period of this adoption as compared with the previous adoption, and we claim with emphasis and with pride that we have furnished to the children of the State the best text-books ever used in the public schools.

This concludes the summary, and the Mr. Hart and Colonel Ford, speaking only for themselves, go into details to prove the statements made by them. In this they take issue with a number of statements made by the minority report, one being that the minority in their report intimated that the majority was responsible for the changes in the text-books.

The report also shows that there were other adoptions which could have been made, which were cheaper than the Johnson books and equally as good. Another reason for the rejection of the Johnson offer was that the Board of Education would have had to adopt the Johnson books and sign a contract to use 90 per cent or forty of the total books used in the state. The majority members were unwilling to tie themselves up to this contract.

In answering that part of the minority report which claimed the Johnson company brought down the price of books throughout the South and ought therefore to have been encouraged, the majority report says:

"To the adoption of twenty odd local books, which came from the city of Richmond, of the eight were awarded to Richmond. Moreover, of the other texts adopted, eight or ten are manufactured in the city of Richmond. From an economic standpoint it is not particularly significant who writes the book or who edits it, or what company offers it. The most important economic question, where is the above fact, is to consider whether the action of the State board was at all hostile to Richmond in the recent adoption.

In finally answering the statement as to the relative cost in the rejection of the Johnson proposition, the report

comes out our own careful and painstaking study of the costs of books, our calculations based on the depositary salary for 1914 and arrived by a certified public accountant, proves conclusively that we will save the people of Virginia on basal texts for the period of this adoption not less than \$50,000.

The report closes by denying that a greater cost has been the result of the new adoption, and asserts that the school system of the State has the best texts it has ever had.

Fined for Resisting Officers.

W. M. Gray was fined \$25 and costs yesterday by Magistrate H. S. Sunday, Henrico County, charged with speeding on the Williamsburg Road. He was arrested by Chief of Police T. Wilson.

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No Idea of Running
For U. S. SenateGovernor Stuart Makes Clear
His Position as to Future
HonorsWill Take Office To-Day and Con-
tinue Until Council Is
Organized.

WELL KNOWN IN POWDER CITY

Eppes, Finn, Bolseau, Faision and
Harrison Compose Governing
Board—Honesty and Local Self-
Government Guiding Principles.Governor Stuart said yesterday ap-
pointed the commission of five who
will take charge of Hopewell without
compensation, until on July 1, when
the Governor will appoint a Mayor and
council to administer the affairs of
the powder city. The commissioners
will take office to-day, and the militia
will pace up and evacuate the city on
Wednesday.The commission is composed of Ben-
jamin J. Harrison, Richard Eppes, Maurice A. Finn, Richard Bolseau and J. O. Faision."I believe honesty is a good thing
to start off with," said Governor Stuart,in making the announcement and ord-
ering the commissioners issued yes-
terday. "And people tell me that these
are all honest men. I also believe in
local self-government and tried to
choose men as nearly as possible
who were from the community.""Will you name any time in the near
future, or now, who the Mayor and
members of the council are to be?" he
was asked."Not before I climb the hill
until you get there," he replied, and
when asked again, "Won't you name
them until almost the time then?"

"On July 1," he said.

ALL MEMBERS ARE
WELL KNOWN IN HOPEWELLAll members of the commission are
intimately connected with affairs in
Hopewell, though it can be said that
Mr. Eppes is the only real old citizen
since some fifteen months ago he was
the only land-owner in the place where
the town now stands.Mr. Harrison who comes from Peters-
burg is engaged in the contracting
business; Mr. Bolseau is a son of
Sheriff Webb of Prince George County.
Mr. Faision of Disputanta is a citizen
of the same county and is engaged
in business in Hopewell, and also at his home town, Mr. Finn is
a native of Ireland, but has been in
Hopewell for some time where he is
a merchant and property-owner. Practi-
cally none of the commissioners were
here before the hill fell.The commissioners were mailed out
late yesterday afternoon by Alexander
Forward, secretary to Governor Stuart,
and it was believed all would be de-
livered last night, with the possible
exception of one to Mr. Faision, who
was in Disputanta, and it was not be-
lieved his commission could reach him
last night.WILL TAKE OATH
OF OFFICE TO-DAYThe plan is, it is understood, for the
commissioners to take the oath of office
at the jail in Princess Anne County, who
is holding court to-day and to-morrow

in place of Judge West.

In case this is done, it was announced
that the militia will be ordered to pack
up its tents and other equipment and
start back home. The militia has been
continuously on duty in Hopewell since
the fire when Governor Stuart rushed
there to quell the disturbance.The five commissioners will at once
take charge of the city, and proceed
to elect their own chairman and sec-
retary and appoint a police department
and other necessary officers properly
to discharge the business of the city. No
salaries attaches to the office of com-
missioner.

INCOME TAX DUE

TO-DAY Is Last Day to Make Returns
and Avoid Heavy
Penalties.Federal income tax returns for 1915
must be filed before March 1 in order
to escape the penalty which will be
imposed for returns made after that
date. Individuals, corporations and
withdrawing agents must file returns
before that date. According to an
order of the collector, the collector's
office is still a large percentage of
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HOW SHOES ARE MADE

Showing Pictures to Show More Than
150 Operations in Process
of Manufacture."Can There Be a Greedless Christ-
ianity?" will be the subject of the lecture
given by Philip Fathers Smith and
Kennedy at St. Peter's Church to-night at 8 o'clock. Last night the sub-
ject of the lecture was "What Think
Ye of Christ?" A question box, into
which the public were requested to drop
questions, had been placed at the door
of the church. Last night many questions
were answered. The remaining subjects are as follows:Wednesday, "The Catholic Church
and the Bible." Thursday, "The Catholic
View of the Lord's Supper." Friday,
"Confession." Have Priests the Power
to Forgive Sins? Sunday, "Why I Am
a Catholic."

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